

DISTRICT V ADVISORY BOARD – DISTRICT V

Minutes September 18, 2000

The District V Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Sedgwick County Extension Center in 4-H Hall at 21st Street and Ridge Road.

Members Present

Bob Bulman
Sean Cash
David Dennis
Maurice Ediger
Fran Hoggatt
Andy Johnson
Margarita LaFarell-Hunt
Vince Miller
Texanita Randle
Bob Sorenson
Bob Martz, Chair/Council Member

City Staff

Steve Lackey, Public Works
Mike Lindebak, Public Works
Carl Gipson, Public Works
Jamsheed Mehta, Planning
Dana Brown, City Manager's Office

Council Member Bob Martz called the meeting to order at 7:05. He announced that the purpose of the meeting was two-fold: to hear the Major Investment Study (MIS) Update information and to address the public's questions as well as possible with the information to date.

Council Member Martz explained that any person in attendance who wished to speak with questions or comments should be signed in on the sign-up sheet provided at the door. He further explained that persons desiring to speak will have five minutes to identify themselves and present their questions/comments. All questions/comments will be heard before the responses are given to address duplication in an effort to prevent a lengthy meeting.

Carl Gipson, Public Works, welcomed the public and explained the study process, indicating that the current point is the conceptual stage. He stated that certain technical questions cannot be answered at this point due to no determination of the bridge location.

Gipson then introduced the City's consultant for the MIS Update, Raja Govindaswamy, *Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade, & Douglas*. Govindaswamy introduced the team and identified their different responsibilities on the project. He then provided background information of the study, explaining how the projected numbers for 2030 were determined and how the alternative locations considered only traffic flow.

Govindaswamy presented the study information with visual slides (Power Point) of the traffic volume/lane; factors related to each alternative including a quality of service grade and fuel cost/delays; and, the overall study schedule.

The meeting was then opened to questions/comments that included the following issues:
(Although the responses were given later by City staff, consultants, and Council Member Martz, they are included with the questions in this report.)

- Was railroad traffic considered?
 - Information was requested from the railroad on number of daily trips through the area and has been considered.
- Will a 13th Street bridge just move the congestion downtown?
 - The consultants are confident that it will not affect traffic downtown but the defined area has been the focus.
- Concern that 13th Street bridge will destroy the peaceful neighborhood area of Presbyterian Manor.
 - There is no way to exactly know the impact because the design of such a bridge cannot be determined until the site is decided. It will be a challenge and the concept shown is truly only a concept to allow flow of traffic for Presbyterian Manor and protect pedestrians with a tunnel. The least disruptive plan will be sought.
- Will a 13th Street bridge raise the noise level beyond what is allowed by City ordinance?
 - Again, this is a design issue that is not part of the study.
- Why not consider a Maple & I-235 interchange?
 - It is being looked at with KDOT but the current thinking is that it is too close to Kellogg & Central to be feasible.
- Left-turn lanes on 13th Street both east and west of Zoo would help.
 - The traffic projections did not account for it and signal timing has been utilized to provide the same allowance.
- What is the cost-benefit of 13th Street versus 25th Street?
 - 13th will relieve the current traffic congestion.
 - 25th costs less but won't have the impact due to less traffic volume in that area
- Will the homes be compensated according to fair value?
 - In the right-of-way process, the first step is to value the property by a third party through the appraisal process. The value is then reviewed with the property owner. If the property owner does not agree with the value, a market value can be negotiated. If an agreement can't be reached, the issue is moved to the imminent domain process and the court decides through fair market values determined by contracting other appraisers.
- What about making improvements to a property that may be involved in a right-of-way process?
 - Any improvements will be taken into account and adjustments made according to other area sales. Some improvements, such as kitchen and bath, will provide a better return on the investment.
- What about obtaining an appraisal now?